

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Village of Peninsula
PLANNING COMMISSION

Held: April 28, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER: The Village of Peninsula Planning Commission convened from 5:30 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. in the Peninsula Village Hall. Karen Walters called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

ROLL CALL:

Karen Walters	Present	Michael Matusz	Present
Lawrence Milhoan	Present	Michael Kaplan	Present
Douglas Mayer, Mayor	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Weant, Elizabeth Workman, Lee & Chanah Spencer, Jurate Balas, Ed Andros, Skip Acsperk, Thomas Hollin, Carol Kramer, Steve Craig, Greg Canda

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mayer announced Michael Weant, Summit County Department of Environmental Services, who gave an update on the Water Treatment Study. Summit County has looked at 2 solutions, one being a wastewater treatment plant solution, which would require 1.5 acres of land. Availability of property is a challenge for the Village. The desired site is Brandywine Golf Course. If the golf course is not available, or if not available at a reasonable cost, then have to go back and look at other options. The second system proposed is a pump based solution. The County's closest sewer is on Quick Road by the Woodridge School campus. The report from 2004 has been updated and is limited to the downtown area.

Mr. Weant stated that his first concern is environmental concerns, if the River is being polluted, then we have to do something. Several of the septic systems in the Village are failing and are polluting the River. It becomes critical from an economic position, if you can't afford your businesses with some type of treatment system, then you lose your business, and if you lose your business you lose your Village. At this time the River is not in compliant; EPA monitors the River. Summit County will look at a way to bring the River back into compliance.

The first question communities ask; is how much is it going to cost? Mr. Weant stated that it is hard to get an accurate cost until you are 80% into the design. The next step is to get the Park involved and find out how much money they have. There is a concerted effort to make this happen. It comes down to funding, there are certain funding sources that come available once a year. There are very few grants out there, true free money. The best he has seen is 50/50 money, on a specialized project. There are 0% loans available. To get the process started, the report is complete, the next step is to engage all the different people to start the funding opportunities and then the next step is going out and surveying, soil analysis, detailed engineering. When 80% of this is done, then Mr. Weant is comfortable talking about money. To date the County has paid for all the services, there has been no financial impact on the businesses or residents of the Village, eventually this cost gets passed onto customers. Summit County rates have not increased since 2011.

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As long as we are honestly pursuing a solution, both the Health Department and the EPA will work with us on how long the Village has to complete the system. If the Village cannot come up with a solution, then they will then say it's time to step in.

Ms. Holody asked how many households were in the proposed Wastewater District. Summit County looks at benefits or an equivalent residential unit. Mr. Weant explained that a single benefit is residential home, Winking Lizard would be based on the number of seats and operation, might be 10 benefits. The number behind a benefit is based on 400 gallons of discharge. That equates to 235 gallons of consumed water. Mr. Weant did not have the actual number, but stated that the service area would include the downtown business district, businesses and approximately 35 homes, a total of 54-60 benefits. The Mayor stated that the plan would basically include all properties in the Historical District that are less than 2 acres.

Mr. Weant stated that at this time the plan does not include water. To prepare for the future possibility of piped water, Summit County would design the system as if the Village had piped water.

The County offers a timeline that would mandate when people would have to tie in. If you have a failing system, you would have to tie in. If your system is functioning, you would have so many years to tie in.

Members of the Commission as well as members of the community requested a copy of the County's report. A list was compiled and once the final report is received, Elizabeth Workman will distribute. This is the first of many educational/informational meetings with the County, EPA and Health Department.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN.

Moved by Karen Walters, seconded by Lawrence Milhoan.

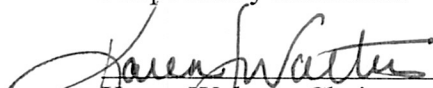
Votes were as follows: Karen Walters, aye; Michael Matusz, aye; Michael Kaplan, aye; Douglas Mayer, aye; Lawrence Milhoan, aye.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

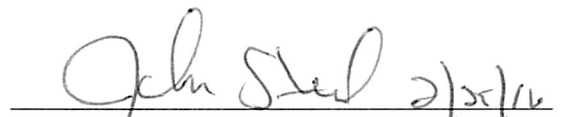
NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted:


Karen Walters, Chair

2-22-2016
Date


John D. Stiegel, Fiscal Officer Date

The Village of Peninsula's next regular meeting of Planning Commission will be held May 26th, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Village Hall within Council chambers. Council Chambers are on the second floor of the Village Hall, 1582 Main Street, Peninsula, Ohio, 44264. (Corner of Akron-Peninsula Road and State Route 303)

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